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RESPONSE 1

Alot of people are probably wondering what could be wrong with the National Park Service. Well, there's alot wrong with it. First, the popularity of the parks have become so much that they are running out of space for parking and they can't afford to make more space. Next, the amount of cars that are releasing exhaust have created ozone which is dangerous to the plants, animals, and humans. Also, people are damaging the park property which means the people who manage the park have to pay for the damages. Lastly, as the article says different types of animals that aren't native to America have been found in several parks due to shipments from over sea and the invasive species are causing alot of issues that can't be easily resolved . So, the next time you go to a National Park remember this and think to yourself how would you feel if something you loved and were paying for was getting ruined and you couldn't fix it alone.

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RESPONSE 2

Have you camped at a national park recently? If you have, you will notice that the park is overflowing with visitors and you might feel that the sense of nature has been disrupted by the constant inflow of noisy campers. The national parks are places where people can retreat from the constant rush of the city and slow down and relax. Yet when people go, they are only met with more honking cars and every growing lines. People should be able to appreciate what nature can give us. National parks should also be a place where families can feel isolated from the human world but should be embraced by a natural world full of wonders [source 2]. The preservation and protection of the national parks can be put in harm's way if tourism is promoted. That's why the National Park Service should not promote tourism for increase of attendance.

The first reason the National Park Service should not promote tourism is because national parks are places where people can find refuge from the rush of other people, as President Nixon says in source 1. Campers should feel isolated from other people and should focus on enjoying nature. When campers go on a hiking trail, they should enjoy the exertion of the hike and enjoy the scenery. They should not have to be sandwiched between other tourists. If they are, they cannot enjoy nature because the beauties of nature are blocked out by other people as Kurt Arnot writes. If National Park Service does promote tourism, attendance will grow even more, making national parks just as overpopulated as anywhere else in the human society, as Mr. Arnot writes about his trip to the Grand Canyon.

Another reason why National Park service shouldn't promote tourism is because national parks are places where parents can "unplug" their children. Children of the modern era are constantly surfing the web or some other kind of the social media [Trip to Chickasaw]. In this article, the writer says all cellular connections that children use to separate themselves from their surroundings are unavailable. This forces children to interact and absorb their environment

instead of repelling it. Children will learn to appreciate the flamboyant beauties of nature. If there is an overflow of visitors, children dislike trips to national parks, pulling them even further into the trapping social media web. If children enjoy trips to national parks, parents can frequently take them there, therefore rescuing them from the social media.

Finally, the increasing inflow of visitors can harm the environment of national parks. Lots of visitors means lots of vehicles, and lots of vehicles means lots of pollution. The exhaust from vehicles creates ozone which harms not only the plants and animals of the nature, but it also harms the human body systems [source 3]. This hurts the environment greatly. Also, visitors litter and perform acts which hurt the natural habitats of the national parks physically. These can be accidentally leaving trash on the ground to purposely feeding the wild animals [3]. If the untamed gets in a habit of relying on visitors feeding them, they lose their ability to provide for themselves. This endangers the animals greatly. Some might argue that a few of the national parks are not getting enough visitors to support the maintenance needed of the preserved nature; however, if the National Park Service promotes tourism, national parks already overflowing with campers will completely be overrun by humans, therefore destroying the nature. The National Park Service could raise the attendance fee just slightly so it is enough to support the national parks.

As proven above, the National Park Service should not promote tourism because it can harm the purpose of the national parks in many ways. If tourism is promoted, people can no longer go to national parks to escape from the presence of others. Parents can also no longer rely on national parks to teach their children to appreciate the nature. Lastly, the nature can be harmed by the increase flow of visitors.

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National Park Services should have tourism. They should have tourism because is great for people to go out and see nature. They could also make money if they allow tourism. They will make money by letting people pay to come and see the park. Tourists can bring there kids to see what there is in nature. Thats why National Parks should allow tourism.

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Yosemite, The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone. All these national parks are a great way to spend time with family and enjoy the beauty of nature. Or at least they used to be. Over the past few decades, the more popular national parks are becoming more like theme parks!

I think the Federal government should charge a small entrance fee, just enough to restore and maintain the parks. Evidently, we humans can't keep our pollution and harmful by-products to ourselves. We have highways literally on the edge of national parks. Ozone forms, and harms the plants and animals living there as described in "Issues Affecting National Parks."

There are still some parks that are not as popular, so aren't as trashed. Those are places which still have almost undisturbed nature. But it is expensive to maintain those parks, since not as many people visit [Sandra Ost].

The only option that works well for every problem is that the government should charge some admission fees, but not such a high amount that it will drive the people away. It will allow them to enjoy the peaceful natural environment, as well as providing the parks with some financial help to maintain the natural beauty. They should also employ stricter rules and fines for littering, damage to plants or animals, and anything that harms the environment of the natural park [third article].

Some might say that charging fees will cause certain people to stop visiting the parks. Well, if they really love nature, or if they want someone else to grow to love it, they won't mind paying that small amount of money. As for the people who don't want to pay, well they are probably the kind who would mess up the area anyway.

Another argument towards charging fees might be that people wouldn't want to pay to see the already trashed parks. Think about it this way. All those people who visit Yosemite and The Grand Canyon now: are they all there just because it's free? Most of them are there to spend time with family, and some may be even trying to get a last experience of nature before

we wipe it out with our pollution. Many of them would be willing to pay if it meant restoring the original beauty of the park.

National parks deserve to be beautiful and natural, like they were before we humans all but destroyed them. Charging a small fee of entrance is clearly the best thing to do, because it gives the park some money to restore and maintain their original beauty.

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The gorgeous National Parks all around the world are being abused by the humans. Humans all around the world are cutting down trees and other wild life to build roads, homes and other buildings. National Parks such as the Grand Canyon are being destroyed bit by bit as the letter to the editor says.

There are many articles and stories written about the destruction of our land. We are cutting down many trees which support our oxygen. There are also many campsites near by that people stay at. Often people will leave trash, and liter all over. This trash is eventually getting into the ocean and killing our species of animals. Many animals are going extinct from our humans cruel acts. We are lossing the beauty of plants and animals to highways and malls and homes. Humans do need these things to survive, but there are many building of no use that they can tear down and recreate, intead we are just killing more specie's homes. Most people are not aware of the damage they are doing. Some people just need to visit a preserved national park and see the beuty tha are destroying.

There are also many invasive species that are killing and destroying other plants. Evidence shows the goldspotted oak borer is and causing harm to our oak trees throughout California. This insect is traveling with humans on fire wood. Invasive species are becoming more common. To help this problem, they are not allowing people to bring there own fire wood to National Parks. However, this leads into people cutting down trees in the forest to provide there wood.

As you can see there are many things causing our National Parks to be ruined and I want to help spread the word about this problem.

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I think this is crazy of what they are doing. The more parks they make the less animals are going to leave because of all of the people there. If they didn't make other parks then it would be a tough job because so many people are in 1 park. I also think it is kinda bad how they are doing this because so many people are carving on trees and that is not good for an environment. I think it was kinda good to make more parks because the more space they have. Those are some reasons why it is bad and why it is good.

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Nathonal parks have been in our country for almost 200 years. They are very special to a lot of people, from their childhood, or a recent experience. they provide exersize, entertainment, and an educatioonal experience for people of all ages. I deaply support the idea that national parks should promote tourism. It can do great things for people and change their idea about the world around them.

The first reason why I support the promotion of tourism is becaues national parks can increase the use of exersize. The United sates is struggleing with the cause of obeaseity, caused to unhealthy meals, unnature promoted games such as vidio games, and lack of a clean enviornment to exersize in due to pollution. If national parks promote their land, for use of the public, it can lower the cause of obeasity, and the following caues of diabeaties, and cholestual problems.

The second reason why I support the idea of promoting national parks is because is entertaining for most people. It supports hiking which personaly is a very fun activity, and can also include beaches for swimming [Chicksaw] and volley ball, depending on where it is located, and can always be usd with friends and family. all of these activities are great things to do with spare time, and use of the resorces around us, and not vidio games [Chicksaw].

The final reason why I support the idea of promoting national parks is because it is educational. Walking in the forest is great when you can point out all of the rare birds, fish, and plants sarrounding you but you can't just know this naturally, you know because you can read it somewhere, listen to it on the radio, or have someone teach it to you, which is always very interesting. Walking doesn't have to be boring, figure out what that crazy purple plant was, and knnowing this can widen the palet for younger or older children and can help them with later use in school, and it is a true fact that is when you learn something at a younger age, it is much

easier, and cant almost virtualy stay with you forever as stated in by t he man from Little Rock. which dose make national parks very educational.

However, all these great uses for national parks can be risky, with the potencial possibility that someone could accidentaly or purposly ruine a area around them, creating the enviornment unenjoyable for other visitors. But I support that there is certin rules and objects, not allowed in areas with rare or special plants or animals, cirritical to the enviornment. I all, I support the fact of promoting national parks, to help with health, boardom, and education with a kids and adults. National parks should be welcoming for all public citizens, and not a sectret area, only for the envormentalist dedacating their lives to make sure any molacual of trash is not to be set on untouched land. But hey are welcome too.

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I believe, that a National Park should be maintained regularly and have all the care it needs to just let it expand, but without the waste and debris. There are hundreds of people who love to visit these wonderful places, and they should not be ruined by a few people who are up to no good. Over the decades of time we've had with these parks, we, as a people, have become increasingly hazardous to nature and our environment. We are constantly carving, or littering, or tearing things up. This is a problem that must be fixed.

Throughout history, people have always been a disruptive species. Everywhere we go we are eating, and our wrappers, and bottles end up on the ground. This has caused many animal species to become extinct, and our animals are a fundamental part of our National Parks. If we were somehow able to keep people from doing this we would surely have a much more successful system. I feel that we should promote tourism, and attendance, because this is what keeps our parks running. In a section of an article by Sandra Ost it says "We can't possibly cover all of the costs involved in park maintenance under our current budget, unless we encourage tourism and charge attendance fees. This proves that without people attending we cannot keep up with the problems involved with humans.

Another way we could use this money would be to spend it on eliminating harmful, bugs, and fungi. In an article written by the National Park Service, it says "Without increased travel and trade around the world, invasive species are becoming more common. Throughout the United States, our forests are threatened by various invasive species. For this reason, visitors may not bring firewood or other plants to national parks."

National Parks would truly thrive if people weren't there, however, that is too late to reverse, so all we can do is increase the funding so we can care for it ourselves. People should come more

frequently so we have the money we need to help these parks, grow and develop. With less, and less people visiting we have been almost unable to keep up with the problems involved in maintaining a park, and this is why we need the money. This is why we need more tourists to come to our National Parks.

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